

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, November 15, 1996

Present: G. Valaskakis, Chair; M. Yates; J. Abcarius; M. Adibpour; J. Appleby; F. Belair; P. Bird; V. Bowker; J. Bottenburg; M. Brian; V. Bridger; P. Bright; W. Byers; J. Byrnes; M. Clarke; J. Capobianco; C. Draimin; N. Eddy; G. Fidler; J. Fiset; D. Frost; A. Gauthier; M. Gomez; D. Howes; I. Irvine; J. Jans; L. Lequin; N. MacLean; C. Maillé; M. Mohamed; M. Newman; R. Perigoe; M. Pruska-Carroll; E. Raudsepp; S. Richter; I. Robinson; S. Ruby; R. Schmid; A. Sharma; D. Sheps; H. Shulman; M. Singer; M. Taylor; P. Théberge; P. Thornton; C. Vallejo; M. West; J. Woodsworth

Regrets: A. Blackduck; K. Bolh; R. Kilgour;

Absent: J. Bottenburg; W. Bukowski; N. Eddy; K. Janna; J. Lightstone; F. Lowy; D. Markiewicz; M. Mendell; C. Parr; R. Swedburg

Guests: B. Black; J. Chaikelson for W. Bukowski; F. Krantz; A.M. Laurin; R. Martin; A. McAusland; K. McMurray; H. Patenaude; V. Serruya

Documents considered or distributed at the meeting:

- ASFC 96 8M-A Arts and Science Faculty Position Document
- ASFC 96 8M-B Inter-University Grade Conversion Table
- ASFC 96 8M-C Elections/Ratifications

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

ASFC 96-8M-1 It was moved and seconded (Gauthier/Robinson) that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 1996

ASFC 96-8M-2 It was moved and seconded (Ruby/Frost) that the minutes of October 28th be approved with the Motion in item 9 reworded as follows:

It was moved and seconded (Vallejo/Ruby) that the newly merged Departments of Classics (CLAS) and of Modern Languages and Linguistics (MODL) be renamed the Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics (CMLL).

Carried.

4. Remarks from the Chair

The Dean stated that there was nothing to report on the **budget**, but expected that a budget would be presented at Senate within two weeks.

5. Questions and Announcements

- Referring to the possible student strike on November 20th, Dr. Valaskakis stated that classes would be held but asked the Chairs not to set exams for that date. If, because of the foregoing, exams might have to be set for the last week before classes end, a special exemption would be needed
- Dr. Bird spoke on the Space Task Force, which had a mandate to come up with a plan that would enable the University to receive 35 million dollars to spend on purchase or renovation of buildings. The objective would be to vacate all rented space.- Those who wished to convey to Dr. Bird their views on the space issue were invited to do so.
- In response to concern raised about the anticipated cuts, the Chair replied that information was expected re. the 15.9 million reduction in two weeks' time, after the next Senate meeting.
- Dr. Singer felt that rather than reacting to the Space Task Force's agenda, the Faculty should act independently of the report and produce a feasibility study of operations on both campuses.
- Dr. Brian stressed that attention should be paid to the effect that replacement of faculties/departments might have on students, and student enrolment.
- Dr. Chaikelson spoke as Chair of the University Senate Ad Hoc Finance Committee. The amended budget was approved, in spite of a number of concerns.
- The move to privatize education was discussed. Senate Announcements: Faculty of Commerce and Administration is moving to privatize the programs that are offered to international students. Dr. Chaikelson felt that private plans do not contribute to the university. Prof. Sheps expressed surprise at the lack of Senate discussion on the Faculty of Commerce & Administration privatization plans; he understood that the subject had not been discussed by the Board. Dr. Valaskakis pointed out that Arts and Science would not support privatization at this time as is mentioned in the Green Position Paper.

6. Reports from Other University Bodies

- Dr. Singer reported on the Senate meeting of November 1. He felt that the role of Senate was diminishing and had been marginalized; discussions and decisions on departmental/faculty level were made before being brought to the floor of Senate. To date there had been no meaningful discussion of the Lightstone Document.
- Prof. Sheps reported on SCAPP. He referred to a letter from the MEQ to CREPUQ - to review programs on the basis of *pertinence* and *complimentarity*. SCAPP itself would produce planning objectives, but *plans* would come from the Faculties for the next SCAPP meeting on December 12. Plans would then go to the Office of the Provost, where the four faculty plans would be amalgamated; after SCAPP approval, the plans would be submitted to Senate in February 1997.
- Ken McMurray reported on the Arts and Science Federation of Associations - they voted to support the students in their fight against tuition increases. Capital Campaign - the imposition of a fee on students should not be mandatory and a referendum would be held.

7. Elections/Ratifications

ASFC 96-8M-3 It was moved and seconded (McMurray/Gauthier) that the following five students be ratified:

Arts and Science Faculty Council: Veronica Serruya (POLI) U/G student,
Ken McMurray (JOUR) Grad. student.
Arts and Science Faculty Curriculum Committee: Veronica Serruya (POLI)
U/G student
Arts and Science Status of Women Committee: Deborah Shulman (HIST)
Grad. student
Arts and Science Committee on Honorary Degrees: Nancy McLean
(JOUR/SCPA) U/G student
Arts and Science Faculty Panel: Shawn Richter (POLI) U/G student

8. Arts and Science Faculty Position Document - ASFC 96 8M-A

As previously agreed, revisions of the document were to be e-mailed in to the Dean's office by November 20. Council went into a *committee-of-the-whole* discussion on the document for an hour.

- Dr. Singer elaborated from a document that had emanated from a meeting of the History Department.
- Allocation of space was discussed and in particular the physical division of departments of Faculty of Arts and Science into two-campus operations. - Consideration should be given to the return of student services to Loyola. - Students should be consulted on the topic of reallocation of space. - Dr. Fiset felt that recruitment should be an issue in long-term planning and there should be a drive (as in other universities) to recruit students from CEGEPS. It was anticipated that there would be a 30% drop in the next two years of students moving from CEGEPs to universities.

ASFC 96-8M-4 It was moved and seconded (Sheps/Théberge) that Council adopt the policy as recommended by the Arts and Science Self-Appraisal process and this policy be inserted in the Position Paper. It was also recommended that the listing of departments and campuses on page 84 be removed from the Position Paper.

Departments to be located on the Loyola Campus should be those departments which are unique among universities in Montreal; Social Science departments of an applied nature which have large enrolments which are secure and would be unaffected by consolidation of that department at the Loyola Campus; and applied programs or parts of Social Science departments where the enrolments in these applied programs or parts would not be adversely affected by location at Loyola. Before any decisions are taken in respect to these departments, the departments concerned should be permitted to review their situation and respond to the suggested circumstances.

Passed. In favour 31, opposed 0, abstentions 2.

- ASFC 96-8M-5** It was moved and seconded (Bird/Mohamed) that the Dean strike a Task Force comprising of Dr. Bird and Dr. Chaikelson to supply names of departments for the above policy and to report back to Council at its next meeting. (Dr. Bird stated that students' input would be considered.) Passed. In favour 22, opposed 0, abstentions 4.

Dr. Fiset urged that in the planning process, discussion should take place among the key figures of CEGEP's and Concordia University - on graduation rates, student choices etc.; these current trends and changes, when taken into account, could affect our planning process.

- ASFC 96-8M-6** It was moved and seconded (Taylor/McMurray) that the ordering of departments on page 72 be reconsidered on the basis of the letter from the MEQ regarding pertinence and complementarity, and the information forthcoming from Departments on Wednesday, November 20. Defeated. In favour 5, opposed 17, abstentions 4

9. Inter-University Grade Conversion Table - ASFC 96 8M-B

Dr. Woodsworth stressed the necessity of the table for those students in Concordia programs who had taken undergraduate and graduate courses at other institutions to integrate grades into the Concordia grading system. Mr. Ray Martin explained that conversion of grades was being done by other institutions and noted that Concordia must follow the trend.

- ASFC 96-8M-6** It was moved and seconded (Woodsworth/Gauthier) that the document ASFC 96-8MB (Grading Tables) be accepted by Council. Passed. In favour 21, opposed 1, abstentions 1.

10. Other Business

There was none.

11. Notices of Motion

There were none.

12. Next Meeting

There will be a special meeting on Friday, November 29th, 1996.

13. Adjournment

- ASFC-96-8M-7** It was moved and seconded (Frost/Perigoe) that the meeting adjourn at 5:36 p.m.
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